

**BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 7.30pm BY ZOOM VIDEO**

**Present:** Gill Cooper (GC), Sue Curtis (SC), Chris Curtis (CC), Gill Hamill (GH), Tim Gover (TG), Annie Lowe (AL)

1. **Apologies:** Anthea Mabey (AMy), Larry Mabey (LM), Liz McClymont (LMc), Nicole Jones (NJ)

2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Approved and signed

3. **Matters arising not on the Agenda:**

1. SC received 7 now. **ALL** to send asap
2. Return of Show trophies at Shed next weekend – reminder to be sent out – **LMc**
3. Wells Garden Visit cancellation – dealt with

4. **Correspondence:**

1. SC – BW Country Fayre Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> September, St Peter's Church. Need to let them know if we want a stall (£20). SC -Ideas for activities – 1) provide pots, crocus corms, compost for kids to plant corms.  
2) Display / tasting food made with member grown fruit/veg. sampling and give away recipes.

Discussed – agreed planting for children using yoghurt etc pots. If do food then display only not sampling.

Agreed to have stall – **SC** to respond.

2. CC – Heartstart Meon Valley asked us to promote their on-line training scheme to members – agreed – **CC** to send information to **LMc** to distribute

5. **Finance:**

CC - Figure currently £20979. Gift Aid claimed from HMRC – expect £320 – 350.

6. **Membership:**

CC – 313 members

159 plots all paid for – 58 full, 84 half, 17 quarter.

Plot which previously had 2 members reduced to 1 but both working on plot – **CC** sent note and now both members.

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Trustee plot with non-member working on it – **SC** to mention at future date.

Agreed to revise allotment tenancy agreement and ensure requirement for all workers on the allotments to be Club members is included. **SC** to send copy to **ALL** Trustees to peruse.

7. **Trading:**

April sales £587 including fully open shop from 17/4/21.

TG – checking for amino pyralid in manure. TG tested on broad beans and has sent photographs to RHS – awaiting response. To avoid plant damage should there be any contamination may recommend that manure is dug into the soil to generate microbe activity.

Agree BWGC cannot be held responsible and can never guarantee that manure is free from chemicals/ herbicides although do our best to buy from reliable sources.

Mole Valley – finding some stock shortages but will see how using them as our supplier goes this year.

**8. Newsletter / Publicity:**

No issues

**9. Monthly programme:**

May Zoom talk reminder to be sent out - **LMc**

**10. Allotments:**

1. AMy notes -
  - 1.12 on waiting list
  2. Plant sale at Shed a success and worth repeating with refreshment if weather suitable. A Magrath very helpful at sale and thanks to her. (**GC** to send card)
  3. End of May / early June allotment inspection to be undertaken by Trustees – all agree to participate. **AMy** to prepare and distribute paperwork.
  4. Cordless strimmer not robust enough for allotment use and level of care by users.
2. LM notes
  1. Sewer blockage affecting Shed now cleared by Southern Water.
  2. Manhole in centre of allotments – **SC** to write to Parish Council
  3. Raised bed repair – wood purchased, Gary (Plot 120) to build.
  4. Yellow markings have appeared on roadway, with letter E or trident sign. SC asked Parish Council if any work to take place shortly. - done but no response – see Item 15
  5. Need to organise a working party for jobs:
    - a) replace fence posts on deer fencing on Albany Farm boundary
    - b) Fill ruts on tracks on bottom field
    - c) trim internal hedge and ditch
    - d) concrete area in front of manure pen – volunteers or contractor. Agreed to get contractor quotes - **LM**

Other items:

1. SC – enquired re owl nesting box on TPO tree – OK to put one on but cannot bolt it to the tree, only use a strap – not viable
2. Use of glyphosate on allotments – still allowed as Parish Council policy is to continue using it on their land.

**11. Social Programme:**

**12. Plant Sales**

Took £374, very successful, attended by non-members thanks to good publicity. To be at Shed in future.

**13. Health & Safety:**

No issues except flooded drives which are closed – TG will play by ear for re-opening.

**14. Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden**

A Magrath requested £30 max. to spend on bulbs / plants for chalk garden – agreed.

**15. Housing Development Impact on Allotments:**

SC contacted by Parish Council to meet Crest Nicolson on 12/5 re roadway development with AMy and LM. Postponed to 19<sup>th</sup>. SC/LM and AMy have met and agreed questions to be covered. **AL** and **SC** will attend.

**18. AOB**

1. Student sponsorship – SC approached Swanmore but no student. **SC** will approach Wildern School also. **SC** to send info. To **AL** to put item in Parish magazine.

**21.15 Meeting Closed**

**Next Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 at Shed.**

**Actions agreed at this/previous meetings to carry forward:**

1. By September 2021 – rewrite Allotment Tenancy Agreement for all tenants to sign on renewal.